GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:163
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2008
NATIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FUND
Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a National Sports Development Fund for specialized training/coaching and development of Indian sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of contributions received from the Government as well as from various sources during the last three years and the current year;and

(d) the extent to which promotion of sports and games has been benefited in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS(DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 163 FOR ANSWER ON 10.12.2008 REGARDING NATIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FUND ASKED BY SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR.
(a) to (d) National Sports Development Fund was instituted by the Central Government in the year 1998 with a view to mobilizing resources from the Government as well as non-governmental sources, including the private/corporate sector and non-resident Indians, for promotion of sports and games in the country.In order to make contributions to the Fund attractive, 100% exemption from income tax is available on all contributions.To begin with,the Government made a contribution of Rs.2.00 crores.Further Government contribution is on matching basis to the contributions received from other sources.The corpus of the Fund is being used for providing direct assistance for elite and meritorious sportspersons for specialized training within the country and abroad backed up with requisite scientific support and equipment

Details of contributions received from various sources to NSDF during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure-I.

There has been an overall improvement in the standard of sports in the country.The assistance provided to the players for undertaking specialized training has resulted in improvement in their performance levels thus leading to an improved medals tally for the country at international sports competitions including one gold and two bronze medals won at Beijing Olympics,2008.